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Our Case No. 9281-4256  
Client Reference No. FC US00053

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hidetaka Numata et al. )  
Serial No. To Be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For: Manual Input Device Which Provides its )  
Control Knob With Plural Modes of )  
Operation Feeling, and Car-Mounted )  
Apparatus Controller Based Thereon )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Drawings**

Please replace Figs. 8-11 with the corrected Figs. 8-11 enclosed herewith. The corrections to the figures have been marked in red. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the corrections. Applicants will submit corrected formal drawings upon receiving a Notice of Allowance.

**In the Specification**

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 15, lines 6-7 as follows:

(Amended) Figs. 17A and 17B show the configuration of a conventional manual input device.

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